

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Convertible (1) with a roof (2) that comprises at least one rigid rear roof part (3), wherein the rear roof part (3) encloses a rear window (4) and can be moved and lowered inside the automobile body (8) independently of a roof section (5) arranged in front of it with respect to the direction of travel (F), wherein the roof section (5) arranged at the front with respect to the direction of travel (F) comprises at least two roof parts (6; 7) arranged one behind the other in the closed position of the roof, which can be opened by moving one roof part at least partially over the other roof part and then lowering the roof parts in this nested state into the automobile body (8), wherein the at least two roof parts (6, 7) are connected to the automobile body through swivel arms (10, 11) located behind the front roof parts and below the rear roof part, when the roof is closed, and wherein the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) can be lowered into the automobile body in a nearly vertical position so as to be below a beltline of the automobile body, and wherein when the rear roof part, ~~when the rear roof part~~ is opened, the rear roof part is lowered into the automobile body for providing space for

passing the front roof parts therethrough, so that the rear roof part does not protrude above the closed height of the automobile body.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) has a rigid construction.

4. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) are connected with each other by at least one four-bar linkage (9).

5. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) can be moved independently of the rear roof part (3).

6. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein in the lowered position of the front roof parts

(6; 7), the rear roof part (3) is held in a position corresponding to its position in the closed state of the roof (2).

7. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein in the lowered position of the front roof parts (6; 7), the rear roof part (3) can be lowered into the automobile body (8) in such a way that in its lowered position, it at least partially covers an opening for the upward passage of the roof (2).

8. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 7, wherein in the lowered position of the front roof parts (6; 7), the rear roof part (3) at least partially overlaps the front roof parts (6; 7).

9. (Currently amended) Convertible (1) with a roof (2) that comprises at least one rigid rear roof part (3), wherein the rear roof part (3) encloses a rear window (4) and can be moved and lowered inside the automobile body (8) independently of a roof section (5) arranged in front of it with respect to

the direction of travel (F), wherein the roof section (5) arranged at the front with respect to the direction of travel (F) comprises at least two roof parts (6; 7) arranged one behind the other roof part in the closed position of the roof, which can be opened by moving one roof part at least partially over the other roof part and then lowering the roof parts in this nested state into the automobile body (8), wherein the at least two roof parts (6, 7) are connected to the automobile body through swivel arms (10, 11) located behind the front roof parts and below the rear roof part, when the roof is closed, and wherein the front roof section (5) comprises exactly two roof parts (6; 7), and that the first roof part (6) can be moved over the second roof part (7) to achieve partial opening of the roof, and wherein when the rear roof part, ~~when the rear roof part~~ is opened, the rear roof part is lowered into the automobile body for providing space for passing the front roof parts therethrough, so that the rear roof part does not protrude above the closed height of the automobile body.

10. (Previously presented) Convertible in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) are movably supported on the automobile body (8) by two

swivel arms (10; 11) on each side of the vehicle.

11. (Currently amended) Convertible in accordance with Claim 10, wherein in the closed position of the roof, the swivel arms (10; 11) of the roof parts (6; 7) of the front roof section (5) are aligned face to face and are surrounded by a common covering (26), which, however, ~~can be divided~~ is dividable (27) parallel to the course of the swivel arms (10; 11).

12. (Previously presented) Convertible (1) in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the roof parts (6; 7) are individually movable so as to allow several different, partial opening positions, and wherein the convertible contains a computer program product that allows the input of a desired roof position and then determines the current state of the roof position and a route for arriving at the desired position of the roof parts (3; 6; 7).

13. (Canceled)